

## Dates to Remember:

Indiana USATF Master TBA possible date second weekend in June

Indiana USATF Youth Association Meet possible June 11-13 weekend, possible Ball State

Olympic Trials June 18-27 Eugene, OR

Paralympic Trials June 17-20, Minneapolis

USATF Youth Nationals June 22-27, Rome, Georgia

USATF Region 7 meet July 8-11, site TBA

USATF Master Outdoor July 22-25, Ames, Iowa

USATF Hershey Junior Olympics July 26-August 1

University of North Florida

Cancelations/Postponements

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**Mike's Laps-** Finally...Happy Spring! By now you should be up to your socks in mud, rain, and too many athletes in your field events.

Please check out the dates for our Association/Masters meet and the Region 7 Illinois/Indiana Meet in early July in this newsletter. Please get those on your calendars for this summer. The Indiana Association Officials Committee that consists of: myself, Dick Boyd, David Fry, Stu Goble, Alf Mendel, Keith Mitchell and Jay White have recently met and are planning some clinics and changes for the new Olympiad. Possibly some pre-meet clinics/discussions, some Zoom Clinics during the year as well as working on developing some training opportunities and other need items. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas to share that would benefit our official's membership...Please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the committee to share.

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**Announcement:** Please check your profile every so often...at least once a month to make sure that you are staying in compliance with your background checks, SafeSport training, and membership status. Also...Our credential cards should be forthcoming. There was a mix-up with software and a new vendor has been engaged in producing your cards. See you at the ring. Mike

The Master Outdoor Championships is now set but the site has changed. This meet will now be in Ames, Iowa (not far from The Field of Dreams), on July 22-25. It is held on the campus of Iowa State University. This was the location for the last time the Master Championship was held. This is a great meet and venue. To have a chance for a great experience fill out the application [here](#).

**Recertification Process:** Currently in the US there are 3150 Officials certified and another 518 pending. Indiana has 91 certified and 10 pending. If you are having difficulty with any part of the recertification/certification process be sure to Contact Mike Trego at 765 664-1645 email: [mikeogert@gmail.com](mailto:mikeogert@gmail.com) or Dick Boyd at 260 417-2673 email: [usatfindianaboyd@gmail.com](mailto:usatfindianaboyd@gmail.com).

Visit [the Indiana Track & Field & Cross Country Hall of Fame Museum](#). Terre Haute. One Great Experience. Visit their website at by clicking HOF.

1. What Ethiopian is best known for winning the gold medal in the 1960 Summer Olympics marathon whilst running barefoot. He followed up this success in Rome with a second gold medal in the 1964 Games in Tokyo. He died in 1973 aged just 41.
2. Representing Croatia, Sandra Perkovic dominated this women's event by winning four consecutive golds in the European Championships between 2010 and 2016 and two consecutive golds in the Olympic Games of 2012 and 2016. She is also a politician, and became a member of the Croatian parliament in 2015.
3. This Soviet-born athlete represented the Soviet Union from 1981 until its dissolution in 1991, then represented Ukraine until his retirement in 2001. He was the first pole vaulter to clear both 6 meters and 6.10 meters, and won Olympic gold in the 1988 Games held in Seoul, as well as six World Championship golds.

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**PARA REVIEW IS UP:** If you would like to learn more about becoming certified to officiate Paralympic Track and Field events following the following link: Click [HERE](#) Currently there are 128 USATF officials certified.

**Certification Cards** were being printed and a software update caused a problem. They are currently being outsourced. The update was needed because they were printing some of the photos the size of a dime as we were told by some officials in Ohio who had received theirs.

Officials Gear store is temporarily closed. There has not been a time line set for reopening. We will keep you posted.

## USATF Rule of the Month Rules book can be found [here](#)

There is a correction to the 2021 USATF Competition Rules. Conduct of Races Rule 214.2, Note 1 references Rule 162.17. Note 1 should reference Rule 162.18. 214.2. Conduct of Races (a) Races of up to and including 300m shall be run entirely in lanes. (b) Races over 300m and less than 800m shall start and continue in lanes until the end of the second turn. (c) In races of 800m, each athlete may be assigned a separate lane, or no more than two per lane, or a group start may be used, preferably using lanes 1 and 4. In these cases, athletes may leave their lane, or those running in the outer group may join the inner group, only after the break line marked at the end of the first turn, or if the race is run with two turns in lanes, at the end of the second turn. (d) Races longer than 800m shall be run without lanes using an arced start line or a group start. If a group start is used, the break line shall be at the end of either the first or second turn to coincide with the starting stagger. (e) In the 400 Meters, at least one half-hour rest shall be allowed between heats, semifinal, and final respectively. In races of 800m or longer, at least 45 minutes rest shall be allowed between heats and final. NOTE 1: Group starts shall utilize Rule 162.17. (should be Rule 162.18). NOTE 2: For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 303. Rule 162.18. In races with more than 12 competitors that do not start in lanes, competitors may be divided into two groups with one group of approximately two-thirds of the competitors on the regular arced starting line and the other group on a separate arced starting line marked across the outer half of the track. The outer group shall run as far as the end of the first turn on the outer half of the track. See Rule 160.9.

**NFHS Rule of the Month:** Rule 6.9.5 The landing pit (long jump) shall have a minimum width of 9 feet (2.75 meters) and should meet a minimum length of 23 feet (7 meters) in length.  
Note: Pits constructed after 2019 shall be at least 23 feet (7 meters) in length.

a. In the long jump and triple jump, the foul line shall be located by measuring from the nearer edge of the landing pit to the from of the foul line.

Note: Distance from the foul line or takeoff board may be adjusted to accommodate different levels of competition. Competitors may change which foul line or takeoff board they are using during competition, but only with the prior notification and confirmation of the event judge.

**European Athletics Newsletter:** Our colleagues in European Athletics have published a newsletter for their officials. You can see the second edition [here](#). It provides helpful information that supplements the valuable content you find each month in our NOC Newsletter.



**Get to know Larry Henning:** Larry is a 35 year member of the USATF Indiana Association and has served in many leadership positions, within the Association as well as the National level. His experience includes: The Olympic Games, Olympic Trials, USATF Championships (National, Masters, Youth,), and NCAA DI, DII, & D III Indoor/Outdoor Championships. He has officiated at many Conference Championships (Big 10, NAIA, GLVC, HCAC, MVC, etc.). Larry has officiated at the Indiana State HS meet for many years and works at many of the Indiana Colleges and

Universities on a regular basis. Larry is a fixture at our local Association JO's, Masters meets, and Association Regional youth meets. He is a featured clinician and speaker around the Midwest and have provided clinics for our Association speaking on his passion...the Art of Umpiring. This past year (see picture) Larry received the USATF Charles Rueter Award as the Outstanding Track Official in the Country for 2020. With this award, Larry joins Gene Edmonds and Keith Mitchell as National Awards winners from the USATF Indiana Association.

## Paralympic Trials

The 2020 U.S. Paralympics Trials- Track & Field Officials application process is now open! The Trials competition for Track & Field will be held in Minneapolis, MN at Breck High School [June 17-19, 2021](#). Please use the following link for additional information and to apply for consideration. Submitting your name for consideration does NOT guarantee that you will be selected. The application deadline is [April 30, 2021](#) and all officials will be notified no later than [May 15, 2021](#).

If you completed the call for officials in 2020 you will need to complete a new application as your responses will NOT transfer over to this year. If you have any questions or issues with the survey please contact us at [USParaTfInfo@usopc.org](mailto:USParaTfInfo@usopc.org). Feel free to pass this information along to other officials. [https://usoc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eeQdwo8UojK3Ose](https://usoc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eeQdwo8UojK3Ose)

**NCAA Rule of the Month.** New rule updates and rule books are now available for download and/or purchase. [Go Here](#) **Attention Vertical Officials**

There has been some confusion on the time limits for attempting a vault or a high jump in NCAA competitions. After discussion with Mark Kostek, (the NCAA Rules Interpreter) an interpretation is stated incorrectly. The interpretation can be found on the NCAA website (2020-21 Monthly Interpretations), scroll to page 16-February 2021. The rule referenced is 8.2 (d) which states: "In the High Jump and Pole Vault, when there are two or three competitors remaining in the competition at the start of a bar height (or when a competitor is taking consecutive attempts at the same bar height while other competitors remain in the competition), high jumpers shall have two minutes and pole vaulters shall have three minutes to initiate a trial."

This scenario was submitted by an official: It is opening height, in a flight with ten vaulters, and only one vaulter starts at opening height (the other nine have elected to pass the first three bars). The lone vaulter clears opening height on their first attempt. Now the bar raises to the second height (the other nine vaulters are still passing) and again only the lone vaulter is attempting that second height. What is the lone vaulter's time limit at the second height?

Mark stated: The time allotment for the competitors is determined by the number of competitors remaining in the competition at each bar height. In the scenario that was brought up, at the second bar there was only one person jumping but there were a total of ten jumpers in the competition.

The individual that was jumping at that height would be granted consecutive jump timing after their first jump at the new bar height. The athlete would have one minute for the pole vault and 30 seconds for high jump to initiate their attempt unless there would be a consecutive attempt. Time limitations do not change until there are three athletes remain in the competition at the beginning of a bar. Also, remember the final competitor has to be the clear winner at the start of a bar height to have the five minutes for pole vault or three minutes for high jump to initiate their attempt.

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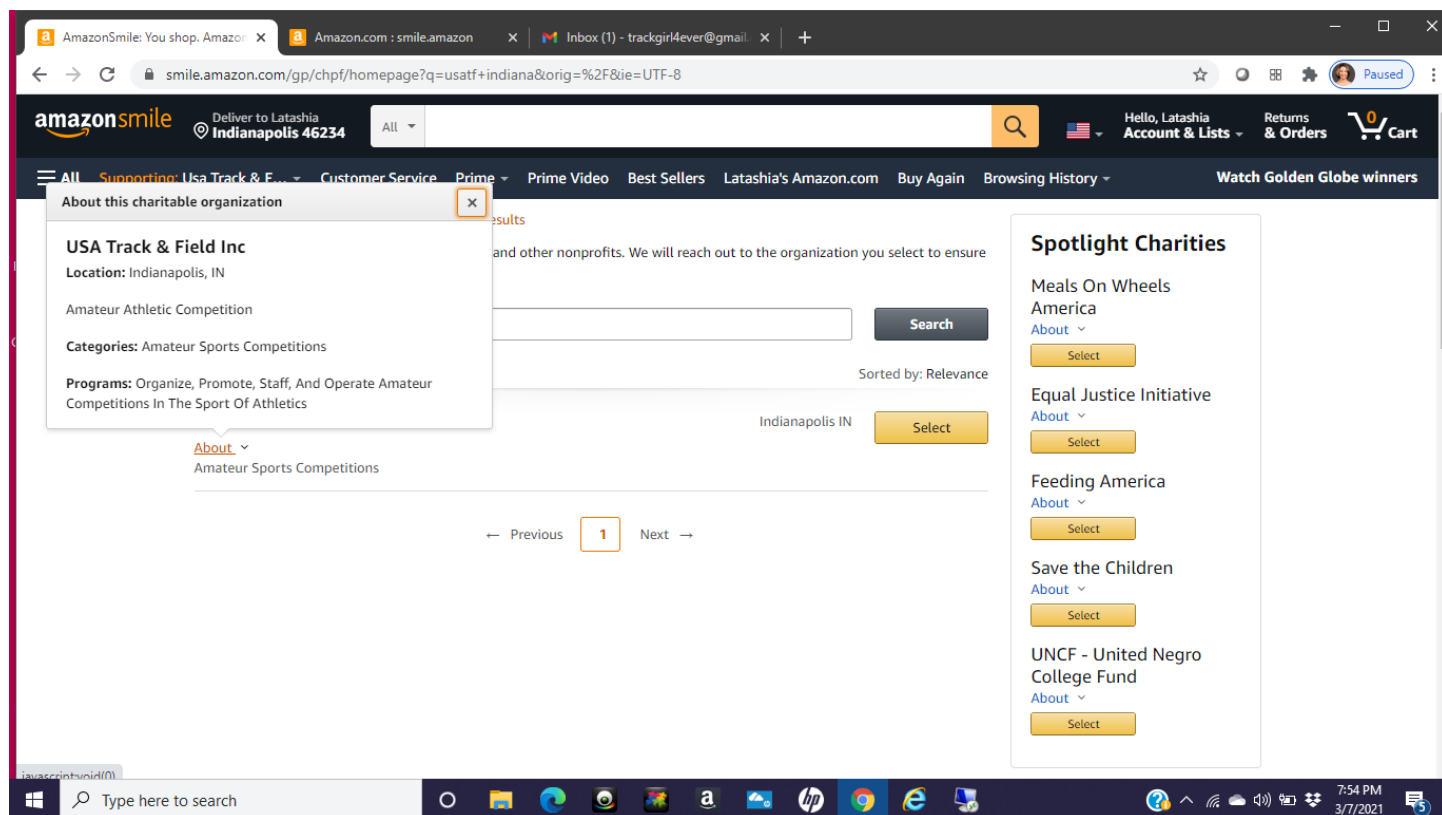


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The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: 'AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon...' and 'Amazon.com : smile.amazon...'. The address bar shows the URL 'smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?q=usاتف+indiana&orig=%2F&ie=UTF-8'. The page header includes the AmazonSmile logo, delivery location 'Deliver to Latashia Indianapolis 46234', a search bar, and user account information 'Hello, Latashia Account & Lists', 'Returns & Orders', and a shopping cart icon. A navigation bar below the header lists various categories like 'All', 'Supporting: Usa Track & F...', 'Customer Service', 'Prime', 'Prime Video', 'Best Sellers', 'Latashia's Amazon.com', 'Buy Again', 'Browsing History', and 'Watch Golden Globe winners'. The main content area shows search results for 'usاتف indiana'. It includes a search bar with the text 'usاتف indiana', a 'Search' button, and a message 'Choose from almost a million charities, schools, and other nonprofits. We will reach out to the organization you select to ensure it is ready to accept donations from Amazon.' Below this, it says 'Showing 1-1 of 1 Results' and 'Sorted by: Relevance'. The search result is for 'USA Track & Field Inc' located in 'Indianapolis IN', with a 'Select' button and an 'About' link. A pagination bar shows '← Previous 1 Next →'. On the right side, there is a 'Spotlight Charities' section listing several charities: 'Meals On Wheels America', 'Equal Justice Initiative', 'Feeding America', 'Save the Children', and 'UNCF - United Negro College Fund', each with an 'About' link and a 'Select' button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, task view button, and several application icons including File Explorer, Edge, and various utility programs. The system clock shows '7:50 PM 3/7/2021'.



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## **Upgrade Levels for USATF Indiana Officials 7/27/2020**

- 1. All Officials need the three-step NOC certification** (Background Check/SafeSport/Membership) and Officials Dues Paid.
- 2. Apprentice to Association**
  - a. Have been an Apprentice Level for 2 years
  - b. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
    - i. Combination of minimum of 8 meets which are from the following: USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA in the 2 years. Official Coordinators for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.
    - ii. Minimum of 4 Association meets in 2 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois.
  - c. Work as many different areas as possible to find an area you like to specialize in
  - d. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, USATF Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual meeting per year
  - e. Submit positive written recommendations from 1 Master or 1 National Official
  - f. Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More
- 3. Association to National or to Maintain National Level**
  - a. Have been an Association Level for 2 years or if maintaining a current National Level Officials Certification
  - b. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
    - i. Combination of minimum of 10 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA over the 4 year Olympiad. Official Coordinators for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.
    - ii. Minimum of 2 meets must be outside of the Indiana Association over the Olympiad
    - iii. Minimum of 8 Association meets in 4 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois.
  - c. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year
  - d. Submit 2 positive recommendations from either National or Master Level Officials plus names of 3-5 officials who have worked with you in meets that are on your resume submitted to the Certification Chair.

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- e. Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More

## **4. National to Master**

- a. Have been National Level for 2 years
- b. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
  - i. Combination of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA during the Olympiad. Official Coordinator's for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.
  - ii. Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad
  - iii. Minimum of 10 Association meets in 4 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois or a USATF Championship.
- c. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year
- d. Have served as a head in your defined specialty in either the Indiana Association Meets, Region VII Meets, National Meet or NCAA/NAIA Conference Meet
- e. Pass the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or more
- f. Submit 3 positive recommendations from Master Level Officials of which at least 1 is from outside the Indiana Association. Also submit the names of 5 officials that you have worked with in meets that are on your resume.

## **5. Maintaining Master Level**

- a. Work minimum of 1 National Championship per Olympiad or 4 NCAA or NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana
- b. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year
- c. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
  - i. Combination of, minimum of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA during the Olympiad. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.
  - ii. Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad
  - iii. Minimum of 10 Association meets in 4 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois.
- d. Passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or better

- 6. The Officials Committee reserves the right to approve an officials request for an upgrade under extenuating circumstances.**

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## USATFIN Advancement Checklist –March 17, 2020 2021-2024 Olympiad

Check off	#	Criteria	Date Completed
	<b>1.</b>	<b>All Officials need the three-step certification. Background check/SafeSport/Membership</b>	
	a.	Background Check	
	b.	SafeSport	
	c.	USATF MEMBERSHIP Paid	
	d.	USATF INDIANA OFFICIAL DUES Paid	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Apprentice to Association Advancement</b>	
	a.	Have been Apprentice Level for 2 years	
	b.	Minimum number of meets to upgrade.	
	i.	Combination of minimum of 8 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. College and Universities coaches see Addendum #2.	
	ii.	Minimum of 4 Association meet in 2 years selected from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association, Cross Country or Region VII meet.	
	c.	Work as many different areas as possible to find an area you like to specialize in	
	d.	Attend minimum 1 Rules review selected from USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, or area Rules Review Clinic per year.	
	e.	Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More.	
	f.	Submit positive written recommendations from 1 Master or 1 National Official	
	<b>3.</b>	<b>Association to National Advancement or Maintaining an already achieved National Level</b>	
	a.	Have been an Association Level for 2 years or if maintaining a current National Level Officials Certification	
	b.	Minimum number of meets to upgrade	
	i.	Combination of minimum of 10 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. College and Universities coaches see Addendum #2	
	ii.	Minimum of 2 meets must be outside the state of Indiana.	
	iii.	Minimum of 8 Association meets from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association, Cross Country or Region VII meet..	
	c.	Attend a minimum of 1 Rules review selected from USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, or area Rules Review Clinic per year.	
	d.	Submit 2 positive recommendations from either National or Master Level Officials plus names of 3-5 officials who have worked with you in meets that are on your resume submitted to the Certification Chair.	
	e.	Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More.	

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	<b>4.</b>	<b>National to Master Advancement</b>	
	a.	Have been National Level for 2 years	
	b.	Minimum number of meets to upgrade	
	i.	Combination of, minimum of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA.. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see addendum #1 below. College and Universities coaches see Addendum #2.	
	ii.	Minimum of 10 Association meets from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association, Cross Country or Region VII meet.	
	c.	Attend a minimum of 1 Rules review selected from USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, or area Rules Review Clinic per year.	
	d.	Have served as a head in your defined specialty in either the Indiana Association Meets, Region VII Meets, National Meet or NCAA/NAIA Conference Meet	
	e.	Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More.	
	f.	Submit 3 positive recommendations from Master Level Officials of which at least 1 is from outside the Indiana Association. Also submit the names of 5 officials that you have worked with in meets that are on your resume.	
	<b>5.</b>	<b>Maintaining Master level</b>	
	a.	Work minimum of 1 National Championship per Olympiad or 4 NCAA or NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana	
	b.	Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year	
	c.	Minimum number of meets to work	
	i.	Combination of, minimum of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA during the Olympiad. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.	
	ii.	Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad	
	iii.	Minimum of 10 Association meets in 4 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois.	



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	d.	Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More	
	6.	The Officials Committee reserves the right to approve an officials request for an upgrade under extenuating circumstances.	

Addendum #1 – 7/2020 – Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities, or USATF meets, can supplement any meet they have been Appointed to be the Officials Coordinator, and also worked at that same meet, one of the meets n sections.

Addendum #2 – 7/2020 – Coaches that are certified officials, due to the nature of the meet schedules and coaching responsibilities, will find it hard to comply with the minimum number of meets to establish an upgrade resume. However, by officiating the required number of USATF meets you will be able to maintain your current level. To move from apprentice to association level however, would be at the discretion of the Certification Committee.

## Notes:

- Taking on more responsibility at Association Meets to develop leadership capabilities on the Association, Local, Regional, National, & International levels is a responsibility that we take serious. The USATF Indiana Officials Committee wants to avail the opportunity to all of its officials to work the different leadership roles to gain valuable experience and knowledge. This includes being event heads, referees, etc. at any meet if needed. A Master level official needs to be able to take control of a crew and manage a cohesive unit of officials that present a safe, positive, rule oriented and successful event and environment to the athletes in attendance.
- At the arrival of the new Olympiad (2021-2024) failure by any Indiana Association Official to have not met the criteria, as stated above, to maintain their current level will be demoted to the previous level of Official's status for the Olympiad (2025-2028). Ex. (Master to National, National to Association, Association to Apprentice, Apprentice to Apprentice.)
- NO Advancements to the next higher official level will be considered until all criteria listed above has been achieved.
- All upgrades and the maintaining of level credentials are reviewed for merit case-by-case by the Certification Committee, who has the authority to approve an officials request for an upgrade under extenuating circumstances.

## Appeals – Section 16 USAFT Certification Handbook

In accordance with the NOC's Operating Procedures, any official denied an upgrade under the requirements contained with this document may appeal to the National Vice-Chair of Certification. To begin the appeals process, the individual shall contact the Vice-Chair in writing expressing their desire to appeal and then will be provided instructions sand documentation requirements by the Vice-Chair.

Additionally, an Association Certification Chair may appeal to the National Vice-Chair of Certification in limited and exceptional circumstances for a waiver of any requirement contained herein as they apply to a current or prospective certified official. The authority to waive any requirements in this document shall remain with the National Vice-Chair of Certification, the NOC Chair and/or the NOC Executive Committee.

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## Trivia Answers:

1. Adebe Bikila
2. discus
3. Sergey Bubka